


12. (Amended) A heavy-duty demolition apparatus for attachment to the boom structure and hydraulic system of an excavator, comprising:



(a) a lower jaw and an upper jaw and pivot means interconnecting the jaws together, means for attachment to the boom structure of the excavator, the upper jaw having an upper shear blade, the lower jaw having at least one lower shear blade, the lower jaw also having a rigid guide blade lying along the lower shear blade and in spaced relation therewith, the outer ends of the shear blade and guide blade being adjacent each other, and a tie plate securing the outer ends of the lower shear blade and the guide blade together, further comprising an open slot between the lower shear blade and the adjacent guide blade to receive the upper shear blade therein, and the upper jaw having means for attachment to the hydraulic system of the excavator for closing and opening the upper jaw relative to the lower jaw; the lower jaw and the upper jaw shearing a workpiece when the upper jaw is closed upon the lower jaw;

(b) an indexable, replaceable piercing and shearing tip removably mounted in a seat at the distal end of the upper jaw; further comprising an indexable, rotatable cross blade removably mounted to the inside of the tie plate substantially transverse to the lower shear blade and to the guide blade, the cross blade having four cutting surfaces for successive exposure and shearing.

17. (Amended) A heavy-duty demolition apparatus for attachment to the boom structure and hydraulic system of an excavator, comprising:

AS (a) a lower jaw and an upper jaw and pivot means interconnecting the jaws together, means for attachment to the boom structure of the excavator, the upper jaw having an upper shear blade, the lower jaw having at least one lower shear blade, the lower jaw also having a rigid guide blade lying along the lower shear blade and in spaced relation therewith, the outer ends of the shear blade and guide blade being adjacent each other, and a tie plate securing the outer ends of the lower shear blade and the guide blade together, further comprising an open slot between the lower shear blade and the adjacent guide blade to receive the upper shear blade therein, and the upper jaw having means for attachment to the hydraulic system of the excavator for closing and opening the upper jaw relative to the lower jaw; the lower jaw and the upper jaw shearing a workpiece when the upper jaw is closed upon the lower jaw;

(b) an indexable, rotatable cross blade removably mounted to the inside of the tie plate substantially transverse to the lower shear blade and to the guide blade, the cross blade having four cutting surfaces for successive exposure and shearing;

(c) an indexable, replaceable piercing and shearing tip removably mounted in a seat at the distal end of the upper jaw; and

(d) wherein the cross blade and the tie plate form a first angle therebetween between one and thirty degrees.